

# HOBBYISTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2017

Syd Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

Officers Attending: Syd Robertson (President), Rich Edelman (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Ed Daly (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), John Pensec (Treasurer), and Joe Shannon (Sect.)

Bob Paoli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Opening Remarks and Announcements:** Syd Robertson

Syd emphasized the Club still needs volunteers. Also, the Investors Club needs a chairman.

Giancarlo Bisone presented the Nominating Committee's selections for officers for next year. The selections were as follows: Rich Edelman (President), Ed Daly (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Don Togneri (2<sup>nd</sup> VP), John Pensec (Treas.), and Joe Shannon (Sect.). The membership will vote on these selections at next month's meeting.

Bob Stevenson gave the report of the Special Committee to Review the Hobbyists' Constitution. Bob noted the central purpose of the review is to bring the Constitution up-to-date. There will be a vote on these changes at next month's meeting. A 30% quorum is needed for passage. Currently there are 441 members. This equates to a requirement that 133 voters be present at the November meeting. Voting will be a majority of those attending.

## **Programs:** Rich Edelman

After today's meeting our fellow Hobbyist Dave Smilon will give a talk on "Charles Lindbergh-America First." Dave spent his career as an educator in various roles including teacher, guidance counselor, principal, and a History professor at Bergen Community College. Earlier Dave was a Peace Corps. Volunteer in the Philippines

## **Membership:** Ed Lundell

Two new members were inducted at today's meeting. They are Ed Lavin (sponsored by Eli Bordowitz), and Ara Hourdajian (sponsored by Joe Shannon). There are 441 Hobbyist members. 127 are in attendance at today's meeting.

## **Financial Report** John Pensec

<u>Date</u>	<u>Active Int. Groups</u>	<u>Trips &amp; Tours</u>	<u>YTD Inc.</u>	<u>YTDexp</u>
9/30/17	\$12,649	\$178	\$21,068	\$14,888

**Hobbyists Concerned:** Peter Philip.

Hobbyist Frank Siccardi passed away on September 13, 2017,.

Lorie Sullivan, wife of Hobbyist Gregg Sullivan, passed away on Oct. 1. Gregg's plans have not been finalized but he expects to have a memorial service in October. He would appreciate any notes, cards, or calls at his current address:

Gregg Sullivan  
620 Fox Glove Place  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
551-427-0598

### **Activity/Event Chairmen Reports**

Club chairmen should email updated information about their groups' activities to Giancarlo Bisone prior to the end of the month so he can put it on the Hobbyist website.

Three activity chairmen gave reports in which the information is on the Hobbyists' website. In keeping with what was decided when the website was activated, their verbal reports are not included in these minutes. Chairmen from the **Book, Movie Lovers,** and **Music Lovers,** and clubs all gave such reports.

### **Bridge**–Rick Pascal

The leading scorers thus far this year are Raj Mehta, Ed Zelhoff, Jim Deaver, James Hildreth, and Ed Miller.

### **Dinner-Dance**-Ed Daly

160 have signed up for the event on Monday Oct. 9. There is room for a few more.

### **Golf**-Bob Norelli

Walter Perog won the fall tournament this year held on Sept. 26.  
The Hobbyists play the Ramsey Duffers on Oct. 17.

### **Military History**-Bob Paoli

This month's meeting will take place Oct. 23. Ed Houlihan will talk about his experiences aboard navy destroyers during WWII.

### **Trips & Tours** –Ray Cheesman

There is room for 6 more people on the Queen Mary 2 Caribbean cruise.  
24 people have signed up for the Ocean City, MD trip. There is space for 20 more.  
There are plans for a trip to Texas next October. When we have details we will put them on the website and send out emails.

### **Habitat for Humanity**-Rich Edelman

They have a new project in Washington Township.

**Public Affairs-George Mackey**  
This month's meeting will be an open forum.

Syd Robertson adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



Bob Stevenson discussing amendments to our Constitution



Dave Smilon talking on "Charles Lindbergh-America First."